

Another Failure Chalked Up to Our Intelligence Corps

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Mr. ALGER. Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that we have been caught flatfooted whenever any international development of any significance takes place. The most recent failure of our intelligence agents came to light with the sudden resignation of Janio Quadros, President of Brazil. The following editorial from the Chicago Daily Tribune makes interesting reading on this point:

THEY STILL CALL IT INTELLIGENCE

Janio Quadros, Brazil's leftwing President, has resigned and for the moment, at least, it seems unlikely that his leftwing Vice President will return home to take over the office. News of the abdication reached Vice President Goulart while he was en route to Brazil from Communist China where he had just negotiated a \$56-million trade agreement. Mr. Goulart decided that this is an ideal moment to visit his children in Madrid. It is an ideal moment, also, for him to stay away from Brazil if we may believe the statement of the Acting President.

Quadros, although his regime was largely sustained by American handouts during his 7 months in office, managed to prod the United States with a dirty dig as he signed

out. His crack about being undermined by outside forces of reaction was quickly interpreted by leftists as an accusation that he had been done in by the United States. Immediately there were the familiar rock throwings at the U.S. Embassy and Information Agency.

Almost equally interesting is the fact that Washington again was caught flatfooted by an unexpected development. On the very morning that Quadros took off, the Kennedy administration announced the appointment of Prof. Lincoln Gordon of Harvard to the "sensitive" spot as Ambassador to Brazil. The professor evidently was chosen in the belief that he was just the fellow to jolly along the neurotic Quadros, who had taken umbrage at reminders of the former Ambassador, John M. Cabot, that Brazil's rightful place was with the American and not the Communist system.

This is another intelligence flop to rank with a long succession, dating from Washington's failure in 1948 to forecast the Communist directed riots in Bogota, Colombia, which disrupted the conference of the Organization of American States. The prestige of the United States suffered a black eye on that occasion, for the Secretary of State, the late George C. Marshall, was caught on the scene of a well-organized anti-American demonstration.

More recently there was the terrible flop of the rebel invasion of Cuba, in which intelligence again did not shine, though its failure was no worse than the speculative bungling that launched the expedition.

It can only be hoped that our cloak and dagger corps will be able to recover after being caught off balance in Brazil, and that it will be able to achieve some realistic forecast of probabilities to govern our wavering policy toward that country. One of the guesses which has gained currency is that Quadros resigned only in order to whip up the sentiment of his supporters, so that he may return to office with a "mandate" to run a one-man show.

This is quite possible, but whether it will happen we leave to the Central Intelligence Agency, which is almost certain to guess wrong.